

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus,
comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of saved files
5 and a plurality of folders representing categories
which classify the plurality of files on a window;

means for selecting one of the plurality of
displayed folders;

means for clearing the plurality of folders and
10 the plurality of files which are displayed; and

means for displaying a plurality of another
folders as selective candidates in a category
represented by a selected folder and the plurality of
files.

15 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
one or more folders, which are not selected, of the
plurality of folders are not displayed.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2, further
comprising:

20 means for further selecting one of the plurality
of another folders;

means for clearing the plurality of another
folders and the plurality of files which are displayed;
and

25 means for displaying one or more files correspond-
ing to a category represented by a further selected
folder.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the other files which do not correspond to the category represented by the further selected folder are not displayed.

5 5. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the means for displaying includes displaying the folders together with character strings which represent the categories.

10 6. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the means for displaying includes displaying the folders on a first display area on the window and displaying the files on a second display area on the window.

15 7. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the plurality of files include a file having a thumbnail image.

 8. A display control method, comprising:
 displaying a plurality of saved files and a plurality of folders representing categories which
20 classify the plurality of files on a window;

 causing to select one of the plurality of displayed folders; and

 clearing the plurality of folders and the plurality of files which are displayed, and displaying
25 a plurality of other folders as selective candidates in a category represented by a selected folder and the plurality of files, when one of the plurality of

displayed folders is selected.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein one or more folders, which are not selected, of the plurality of folders are not displayed.

5 10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

causing to further select one of the plurality of another folders; and

10 clearing the plurality of other folders and the plurality of files which are displayed, and displaying one or more files corresponding to a category represented by a further selected folder, when one of the plurality of another folders is further selected.

15 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the other files which do not correspond to the category represented by the further selected folder are not displayed.

20 12. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the displaying includes displaying the folders together with character strings which represent the categories.

25 13. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the displaying includes displaying the folders on a first display area on the window and displaying the files on a second display area on the window.

14. The method according to any one of claims 8 to

11, wherein the plurality of files include a file having a thumbnail image.